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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Dieter KERNER et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of November 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.